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1. FOLLOWING RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGES TO COMMUNIST
DELEGATIONS, GVN AND VC DELEGATES TO JMC MET TUESDAY
TO RESUME TALKS ON MIL PROBLEMS AFTER ONE MONTH
BREAK (REUTER SAIGON).

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2. GVN OFFICIALS SAY AT LEAST 351,454 SOLDIERS ON BOTH
SIDES KILLED OR WOUNDED SINCE C-F, BUT GIVE NO
FIGURES FOR CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (PHINQ). SPOKESMAN
SAYS 65,014 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS KIA; SINCE COMMANDERS

ESTIMATE THREE WIA FOR EACH KIA, THIS WOULD MEAN
195,042 COMMUNISTS WIA. GVN CASUALTIES GIVEN AS
17,722 KIA AND 73,676 WIA (CHITRIB).

3. GVN MIL COMMAND REPORTS ARMORED BATTLE TRIGGERED WHEN
NVN TANKS AND INFANTRY WITH ARTILLERY SUPPORT COUNTER-
ATTACK SVN TROOPS THAT TRIED TO EXPAND ZONE OF CONTROL
NEAR BEN CAT, 25 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON (AP, SUN).

4. PM KIRK CONFIRMS THAT NICHOLAI HOLUB, FORMER IN-
TERPRETER WITH POLISH ICCS DELEGATION, ARRIVED IN NZ
AS IMMIGRANT, "EAGER TO MAKE A FRESH START IN LIFE QUIETLY
AND WITHOUT FUSS" (AFP, PHINQ).

5. AFP LAOS BUREAU CHIEF HAS REPORTS FROM "RELIABLE"
CHANNELS THAT VIENTIANE-BASED FRENCH JOURNALIST MARC
FILLOUX, WHO DISAPPEARED TWO MONTHS AGO, IS BEING
HELD IN MEKONG VILLAGE BY KHMER INSURGENTS. FILLOUX,
FIRST FOREIGN JOURNALIST TO VISIT PL AREA AFTER C-F,
TRAVELED TO S LAOS WITH FEMALE LAOTIAN COMPANION TO
MAKE CONTACT WITH KHMER ROUGE AND REPORTEDLY WAS
CAPTURED AFTER ENTERING N CAMBODIA. AFP SAYS HAS MADE
CONTACT WITH GRUNK REPRESENTATIVES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES
CONCERNING FILLOUX BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. FILLOUX
IS ONE OF 22 REPORTERS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED IN CAMBODIA
SINCE 1970 (NYT).

6. MPS SAY TWO KILLED WHEN PLASTIC BOMB EXPLODES IN
INADANA JATI BANK IN PP (REUTER PP). GKR LEADERS
PAY LAST RESPECTS, AND LON NOL POSTHUMOUSLY DECORATES,
TWO OFFICIALS KILLED IN STUDENT-POLICE CONFRONTATION.
GKR SOURCES SAY COMMUNIST AGENTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF
CONFUSION IN DEMONSTRATIONS TO KILL THEM. NO PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CEREMONY MADE, AND TIGHT SECURITY
PRECAUTIONS WERE PROMPTED BY FEAR OF TERRORISM AND BY
CURRENT POLITICAL INSTABILITY. GKR RADIO ANNOUNCES
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RELEASE OF 35 OF THE 105 STUDENTS ARRESTED AFTER
KILLINGS; CASES OF OTHERS TO BE REVIEWED BY MIL
TRIBUNAL (PHINQ).

7. MEKONG COMMITTEE, MADE UP OF THAILAND, LAOS, CAMBODIA
AND VN UNDER UN ECAFE AUSPICES, APPROVES PLANS TO
ESTABLISH TEN MODERN FARMS COVERING 650,000 ACRES TO
INCREASE RICE PRODUCTION BY SEVERAL HUNDRED-THOUSAND
TONS ANNUALLY. COMMITTEE SAYS ONE FARM TO BE IN LAOS
AND THREE EACH IN OTHER COUNTRIES AT ESTIMATED COST OF
65 MILLION DOLLARS (AP PHINQ).
INGERSOLL

8. REUTER SAYS PRES. ON TUESDAY NAMED INGERSOLL
AS DEPUTY SEC. OF STATE REPLACING RUSH AS NO. 2

DOS OFFICIAL.

CHINA

9. RED FLAG, IN ARTICLE QUOTED BY NCNA, SAYS LIN PIAO KEPT KEPT "SINISTER NOTEBOOK" CONTAINING SIX TACTICAL POINTS FOR USE BY HIS SUPPORTERS IN PLOT TO OVERTHROW MAO. ARTICLE SUGGESTS LIN AND CHEN PO-TA BEGAN MANEUVERS AGAINST MAO EARLY AS APRIL 1969. SAYS FIRST TACTIC WAS FOR LIN'S SUPPORTERS TO PRETEND TO BE LEFTIST IN ATTITUDE. RED FLAG CONTENDS THIS DEMONSTRATED THAT LIN'S PRACTICE OF NEVER BEING

SEEN WITHOUT HIS BOOK OF MAO QUOTATIONS AND NEVER OPENING HIS MOUTH WITHOUT SHOUTING, "LONG LIVE," WAS FALSE (REUTER HK 6/10).

10. INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL FEDERATION (FIFA) CONGRESS REJECTS MOVES TO RE-ADMIT PRC TO WORLD FOOTBALL BODY. RESOLUTION FAILED TO ACHIEVE REQUIRED THREE-QUARTERS MAJORITY AS 59 DELEGATES SUPPORTED KUWAIT PROPOSAL THAT CHINA BE RE-ADMITTED IN PLACE OF ROC, WHILE 47 OPPOSED MOVE. CONGRESS HAD EARLIER SUPPORTED FIFA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT QUESTION BE DECIDED BY THREE-QUARTERS, RATHER THAN SIMPLE, MAJORITY (REUTER).

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11. PRC BROADCAST SAID MONDAY THAT CHINESE SCIENTISTS HAVE DEVELOPED NEW ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR THAT IS FASTER, EASIER TO OPERATE AND CAN STORE MORE INFORMATION THAN IMPORTED ADVANCED CALCULATORS OF SAME TYPE. PRODUCTION WILL BEGIN SOON (AP, PHINQ).

12. CONFLICTING WITH SOME HK PRIVATE REPORTS, USDA CONFIRMS THAT IT STANDS BY ITS PREDICTION THAT PRC WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION MAY FALL BELOW GOOD 1973 HARVEST, COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE REPORTS (JOC).

13. ATTORNEY REPRESENTING TAIWAN FIREWORKS MANUFACTURERS ASSN. AND OTHER FIREWORKS MAKERS WILL SEEK DELAY IN PROPOSED FEDERAL BAN ON FIRECRACKERS NOW DUE TO GO INTO EFFECT JUNE 17 (AP, PHINQ).

KOREA/JAPAN

14. NK ON TUESDAY CLAIMED TOK-DO -- SMALL KOREAN STRAIT ISLAND THAT JAPAN AND SK HAVE ALSO SAID THEY OWN. KCNA DISPATCH STATES "IT IS AN INDISPUTABLE, PATENT FACT" THAT TOK-DO "HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN PART OF THE SACRED TERRITORY OF OUR COUNTRY"; CLAIMS

JAPANESE "PIRATE SHIPS" SAILED NEAR ISLAND JUNE 7
TO "POACH AQUATIC RESOURCES." GOJ OFFICIAL SAYS HE
HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY JAPANESE VESSELS IN AREA THAT
DAY, AND GAIMUSHO OFFICIAL SAYS IT IS FIRST TIME NK
HAS CLAIMED TERRITORIAL RIGHTS SPECIFICALLY TO TOK-DO
(REUTER TOKYO).

KOREA

15. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN SEOUL, CITES "AUTHORITATIVE"
KOREAN AND FOREIGN SOURCES SAYING FORMER ROK
PRES. YUN PO SUN WAS SECRETLY ARRESTED AND INTERROGATED

RECENTLY FOR REPORTEDLY HAVING HELPED FINANCE
ANTI-GOVT. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN APRIL BY PASSING
ABOUT 1,000 DOLS TO STUDENTS VIA CHRISTIAN MINISTER.
RELEASED SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARREST, YUN REPORTEDLY
ADMITTED GIVING STUDENTS MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR LEAFLETS,
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MIMEOGRAPH MATERIALS AND FOOD. HALLORAN SAYS DIS-
CLOSURE THAT PERSON OF YUN'S STATURE HAS BACKED
STUDENTS INDICATES MOVEMENT OPPOSING PARK HAS MORE
POLITICAL SUPPORT THAN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, AND
"ALSO APPEARED TO UNDERCUT" ROK'S ARGUMENT THAT
DISSENT HAS BEEN CONTROLLED BY NK COMMUNISTS -- YUN HAS
"SOLID ANTI-COMMUNIST REPUTATION." ACCORDING ONE
ACCOUNT, YUN AGREED TO REVEAL HIS CONNECTION WITH
STUDENTS ON CONDITION POLICE RELEASED REV. PARK
HYUNG KYN, THROUGH WHOM YUN PASSED FUNDS; BUT PARK
IS STILL IN CUSTODY. HALLORAN SAYS THAT AT MOMENT,
52 S. KOREANS AND TWO JAPANESE ARE AWAITING TRIAL BY
SECRET COURT-MARTIAL, AND TOTAL OF 199 OTHERS SCHEDULED
FOR TRIAL LATER; YUN WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

16. AP SEOUL REPORTS SK SOLDIER AND TWO TEENAGERS
SENTENCED TO DEATH MONDAY BY ARMY COURT-MARTIAL
FOR KILLING POLICEMAN AND HOLDING 40 PERSONS
HOSTAGE THREE WEEKS AGO. TRIO HAD BEEN PROTESTING
SOCIAL CONDITIONS (NYDN, CSM, PHINQ).

JAPAN

17. TOKYO COURT SENTENCES 16 FORMER RADICAL
STUDENTS 3-6 YEARS IN JAIL FOR PLANNING TO
OCCUPY SATO'S OFFICE IN 1969. MEMBERS OF "RED
ARMY," STUDENTS PLANNED TO ASSAULT AND OCCUPY
PREMIER'S OFFICE IN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT HIS DEPARTURE
FOR US (REUTER, CHITRIB).

18. IN TESTIMONY PREPARED FOR HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE,
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S EXECUTIVE V-P CALLED

ON US TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN AND SOVIET TO FORCE THEM TO HALT LARGE-SCALE WHALE KILLING. SAYS THEY "MUST BE HIT IN THEIR POCKETBOOKS -- APPARENTLY THE ONLY PLACE THEY HAVE FEELINGS," AND RECOMMENDS BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE AND SOVIET PRODUCTS AS MEANS OF FORCING END TO "THEIR SHORT-SIGHTED AND CALLOUS ATTITUDES" TOWARD CONSERVATION OF WHALES (AP, SUN).

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THAILAND

19. MORE THAN 1,000 STRIKING TEXTILE WORKERS DEMONSTRATED MONDAY AT BANGKOK'S LARGEST MARKET,

DEMANDING HIGHER WAGES AND INCREASED SOCIAL BENEFITS. FIRST MAJOR LABOR DEMONSTRATION SINCE SANYA RESHUFFLED HIS CABINET IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CRITICISM OVER RISING INFLATION. INTERIOR MIN. LUANG ATTASITH TOLD LABOR DEPT. OFFICIALS MONDAY TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SETTLE STRIKE. LABOR DEPT. DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL TELLS NEWSMEN ONE MAJOR DEMAND HAS BEEN MET -- THAT AVERAGE DAILY WAGE BE INCREASED FROM 80 CENTS TO 1 DOL 25 CENTS (UPI JOC, PHINQ).

AUSTRALIA

20. WHITLAM NAMES NEW ADMINISTRATION, WITH ONLY ONE NEW MINISTER, SEN. WHEEDON, IN REPATRIATION AND COMPENSATION POST. IMMIGRATION MINISTER GRASSBY IS SUCCEEDED BY CLYDE CAMERON, WHO IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR LABOR; WILLESEE RETAINS FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, AND THERE ARE MINOR PORTFOLIO RESHUFFLES (REUTER CANBERRA). (NO MENTION OF DEFENSE PORTFOLIO OR DEPUTY PM).

21. LEADER OF ALP LEFT WING CAIRNS DEFEATS WHITLAM'S CLOSE SUPPORTER BARNARD IN PARTY RACE FOR DEPUTY PM. ANOTHER ALP LEFT-WINGER, LIONEL MURPHY, STAVES OFF CHALLENGE FROM PRIMARY INDUSTRY MINISTER WREIDT TO REMAIN GOVT. LEADER IN SENATE. SUNDAY BALLOT RAISES DOUBTS THAT WHITLAM CAN RETAIN BARNARD AS DEFENSE MINISTER (CHITRIB).

FRANCE'S S. PACIFIC A-TESTS

22. CSM'S OKA, IN PARIS, OBSERVES THAT INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO ANNOUNCED ATMOSPHERIC BLAST SEEMS SOMEWHAT MORE MUTED THAN LAST YEAR. KIRK SAYS NZ WILL NOT SEND PROTEST FRIGATES TO MURUROA THIS YEAR, AND WHITLAM "MAY FIND HIS MAJOR PREOCCUPATIONS AT THIS MOMENT DOMESTIC RATHER THAN EXTERNAL."

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

CHINA

23. FROM HONG KONG, NYT'S LELYVELD SEES IN RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS INDICATION THAT ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS DRIVE TO REASSERT GPCR'S ANTI-ELITIST VALUES HAS NOT LIVED UP TO EXPECTATIONS AND THAT DRIVE NOT OVER. WORKER PROPAGANDA TEAMS, USED DURING GPCR TO RESTORE ORDER AT UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES AND SERVE AS ARBITER ON POLITICAL AND EDUCATIONAL

ISSUES, NOW COMING BACK INTO VOGUE IN SEVERAL PROVINCES. KWANGSI BROADCAST SAID TEAMS WERE OPERATING "UNDER THE PARTY'S CENTRAL LEADERSHIP," BUT HAD TO STRUGGLE AGAINST "THE TIDE OF EXCLUDING WORKER PROPAGANDA TEAMS...A HANDFUL OF CLASS ENEMIES HAVE REGARDED THE OCCUPATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE EDUCATION FRONT BY THE WORKING CLASS AS A DISASTER" AND TRIED TO SABOTAGE IT. BROADCAST HINTED THAT WORKERS NOW LEADING MASS SESSIONS OF CRITICISM AGAINST SPECIFIC ENEMIES. IN PHRASE THAT SEEMS TO OFFER TELLING CHARACTERIZATION OF JUST HOW ABSTRACT AND REMOTE CAMPAIGN SEEMED TO MANY CHINESE, IT REPEATEDLY ASSERTED THAT CAMPAIGN NEEDS TO BE "LINKED WITH REALITY."

LELYVELD RECALLS REPORTS LAST SUMMER THAT CHINESE INITIATED SECRET CONTACTS WITH DALAI LAMA WITH VIEW INVITING HIM BACK TO LHASA. CITING LAST WEEK'S PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE, LELYVELD VIEWS EVIDENCE "DECIDEDLY THIN." NOTES PD ARTICLE DECLARING DALAI LAMA, CONFUCIUS AND LIN PIAO WERE ALL "SCORPIONS FROM THE SAME NEST"; THEIR SIMILARITY, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, IS THAT EACH SOUGHT RESTORATION OF REACTIONARY POLITICAL SYSTEM.

LELYVELD CITES "MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE HANDICAPPERS" AS LEANING TO CHEN HSI-LIEN TO BE NEXT DEFMIN. NOTES THAT WHILE MOST OF CHINA'S REGIONAL COMMANDERS HAVE COME UNDER CRITICISM, CHEN HAS SEEMED IMMUNE. ALSO,
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WHILE MANY OTHER COMMANDERS HAVE NOTICEABLY CURTAILED PUBLIC APPEARANCES, CHEN HAS BEEN VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE. MOREOVER, WU CHUNG, PUTATIVE COMMANDER OF PEKING GARRISON, AND MA NING, NEW AIR FORCE COMMANDER, ARE CHEN'S OLD ASSOCIATES. IT IS TAKEN AS SIGN OF GREAT CONFIDENCE IN CHEN THAT HIS ASSOCIATES ARE BEING

PLACED IN SUCH SENSITIVE POSITIONS.

24. CSM'S GRULIOW IN MOSCOW REPORTS THAT ASIAN QUESTIONS HAVE TAKEN SPOTLIGHT THERE. DURING 5-DAY VISIT, AFGHAN PM PULLED HIS COUNTRY ALONGSIDE IRAN AND MONGOLIA IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ASIAN SECURITY PACT, AND RAISED CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF PAKISTAN'S NORTHERN FRONTIER POLICIES. USSR HAS STAKE IN SOFTENING GROWING AFGHAN-PAK FRICTION, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF USSR PURSUIT OF ASIAN SECURITY PACT. PRAVDA THIS WEEK VOICED SUPPORT FOR PROPOSALS TO CALL FOR WORLD COMMUNIST CONGRESS SIMILAR TO 1969 CONGRESS WHICH INITIATED ASIAN PACT PLAN. FOREIGN OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT MAJOR AIM WOULD BE TO ALIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES AGAINST PEKING POLICIES. PEKING HAS CONDEMNED ASIAN SECURITY PLAN AS EFFORT TO ISOLATE CHINA. SISCO

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